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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Dennis Neitzke  
Gunflint District Ranger  
Superior National Forest  
8901 Grand Avenue Place  
Duluth, Minnesota 55808

Re: Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the South Fowl Lake Snowmobile Access Project, Gunflint, Ranger District, Superior National Forest, Cook County, Minnesota - EIS No. 20110315

Dear Mr. Neitzke:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, we have reviewed the Final EIS and ROD for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project results from the need to provide safe snowmobile access between McFarland and South Fowl Lakes.

EPA assigned a rating of Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information (EC-2) in our September 27, 2010 comment letter. Our comment letter requested clarification regarding various aspects of the sound, safety, and land ownership analyses for the proposed project. We believe the responses to our comments included in the Final EIS as well as changes made to the Final EIS as a result of comments on the Draft EIS addresses our previous request for clarification.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathleen Kowal of my staff at (312) 353-5206 or via email at [kowal.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:kowal.kathleen@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Westlake".

Kenneth A. Westlake  
Chief, NEPA Implementation Section  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

cc: James McDonald, Regional Environmental Coordinator, USFS, Milwaukee, Wisconsin